

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 22, 2004

FROM: JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Director
Department of Public Health

**SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY
CONTRACT FUNDS FOR FY 2004-2005**

RECOMMENDATION: Ratify the action of the Chairman authorizing submission of a grant application to State of California Department of Health Services (CDHS) for continued funding of pediatric immunization services in the amount of \$510,000 for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this item ratifies the Chairman's action authorizing the Department of Public Health to seek funds from CDHS to provide support for the immunization computer registry, VaxTrack, based in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. The registry contains names and immunization records of all children under the age of six in the two county area and many children through the age of 18. The registry provides a source of immunization information available to public and private providers of immunization services in the two county areas.

The California Department of Health Services requires registries to apply as regions to maximize limited resources for the existing registries. The 2004-05 funding level was set at \$510,000, with \$281,250 for San Bernardino County and \$228,750 for Riverside County. The original application was received May 7, 2004; however, due to uncertainty at the Department of Health Services, the final amount to be funded was received on May 24, 2004. Due to the lateness in the receipt of the grant application, the Department requested the Chairman's signature to submit the application prior to the deadline of June 11, 2004. This item requests Board approval to ratify the Chairman's action.

This contract supports the following activities:

- Immunization Registry based in San Bernardino but accessible throughout the two county area.
- Reminder/recall postcards and calling lists for public and private provider clients under the age of three throughout the region
- Data for planning purposes

Program Outcomes—These funds support the ongoing registry activities. The Statewide Immunization Information System grant and county contributions have led to one of the most mature registries in the United States and California with more than 200 provider offices entering data directly to VaxTrack. As of May 25, 2004 there were 782,676 children in VaxTrack with 56.7% of these records containing immunizations. Among children under the age of six 47.1% of the 284,933 children had immunizations in their VaxTrack records. Accurate and accessible immunization records lead to fewer missed immunizations and children being on time for immunizations in the first three years of life.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel, (909) 387-4177) on June 3, 2004. This item has also been reviewed by County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst, (909) 388-0211) on June 3, 2004.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: This application requires no County local cost and will allow the Department to seek \$281,250 in funding for the immunization registry. Additional registry costs of \$340,642 are funded by realignment and have been included in the Department's FY 2004-05 proposed budget.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as it will impose no local cost to the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: James A. Felten, Public Health Director, (909) 387-9146